



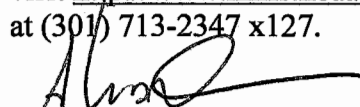
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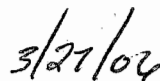
Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2005 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

The table below provides preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of January 31, 2006, in pounds (lb) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2005 fishing year. The 2005 annual directed base landings quota for North Atlantic swordfish is 2,937.6 mt dw (not adjusted for underharvests), and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. In addition, 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude. The annual directed base landings quota for South Atlantic swordfish is 75.2 mt dw (not adjusted for underharvests).

	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent of Quota Taken
		mt dw	lb dw	mt dw	lb dw	
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery First Season (June 1, 2005 - Nov 30, 2005)	1,468.8	643.1	1,417,772	825.7	1,820,344	44%
Directed Fishery Second Season (Dec 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006)	1,468.8	205	452,446	1263.6	2,785,670	14%
Total (Directed)	2,937.6	848.3	1,870,218	2089.3	4,606,015	29%
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	5.3	11,718	294.7	649,662	2%
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH						
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	75.2	0	0	75.2	165,786	0%

NMFS published a proposed rule on February 13, 2006 (71 FR 7499), to adjust the 2005 North and South Atlantic swordfish quotas based on updated information from the 2003 fishing year and underharvests from the 2004 fishing year. The comment period will close on March 30, 2006. This FAX notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Chris Rilling at (301) 713-2347 x127.


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